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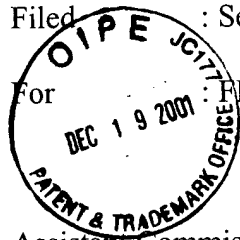
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For : FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY SYSTEM



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-119283, which was published on April 30, 1999, along with an English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent document and enclosed translation. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and is listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent applications:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,476 to NUMAKO et al., entitled "External Flash Control System", which was filed on March 20, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,163 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Multi-Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,145 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001; and

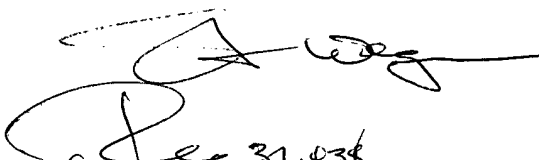
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,089 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Zoom Flash and Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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